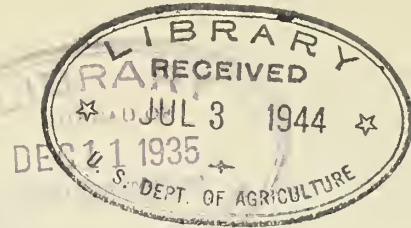


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COTTON GRADE AND STAPLE REPORTS FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 5

Continued lowering of grades were again reported this week in South Carolina and Virginia, while in North Carolina some increase was shown in the higher grades, when compared with last week's reports. Staple lengths averaged longer in South Carolina but averaged much shorter in North Carolina and Virginia.

Middling and higher grades, White and Extra White, represented 44 percent this week in North Carolina, about 35 percent in South Carolina, and 24 percent in Virginia. Increased proportions of Strict Low Middling and Low Middling grades were shown this week in these three States. Spotted and colored cotton decreased this week in North Carolina and South Carolina but increased slightly in Virginia.

To date this season nearly 54 percent of the cotton classed from South Carolina was Middling and higher grades of White and Extra White cotton; 57 percent for Virginia; and nearly 61 percent for North Carolina. The grades Strict Low Middling and Low Middling to date represented 15 percent in North Carolina, 19 percent in Virginia, and 21 percent in South Carolina.

Only 1.5 percent of the cotton from South Carolina this season was shorter than 7/8 inch, 82 percent 15/16 inch and longer, and 53 percent 1 inch and longer. Ninety-six percent of the cotton classed to date is tenderable.

In North Carolina this week the proportion of cotton shorter than 7/8 inch was almost twice that of last week, while in Virginia a decrease was shown. Smaller proportions of 1 inch and longer cotton were noticeable in both North Carolina and Virginia this week compared with last week.

The last Weekly Grade and Staple Report for South Carolina is being released today, while the last one for North Carolina and for Virginia will be released on December 14.

